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TO: Renal Medical Directors and Transplant Coordinators

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SUBJECT: New Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) List

Several new medications have been designated as Maximum Allowable Drug (MAC) products as of 5/1/02. These drugs include **Coumadin**, **Dilantin**, **Lanoxin**, **Neoral**, **Procardia XL capsule**, and **Vaseretic**. Anyone currently taking these name brand products will be switched to a generic after June 1st. If the prescribing physician does not want this substitution to occur, a new prescription with the handwritten words “**brand necessary**” or “**brand medically necessary**” must be submitted to the dispensing pharmacy. This requirement is not new for Medicaid and KHC recipients. However, the new drugs added to the list of MAC Products will now be impacted by this change and may affect some KHC recipients taking these medications.

Please call KHC Information Resource Specialist at 1-800-222-3986 if you have questions about the new substitution law, or refer to the State of Board of Pharmacy website at www.tsbp.state.tx.us, under Texas Pharmacy Laws and Rules, 22TAC 309.3.